

6. Resolved that we put forth greater efforts in behalf of Ashland College.

7. Resolved that we endeavor to place the BRETHREN EVANGELIST in every home of the brethren of the State.

IDA SIMMONS,  
MRS GRACE RENCH, } Com.  
LOUIS S. BAUMAN, }

Report of treasurer adopted as read: Brought forward from last year, \$7.73; today's offerings, \$8.65; total, \$16.38. Paid for printing, \$2.25; paid for postage, etc., \$2.25; total expense, \$4.50 Balance on hand, \$11.88.

Final report of committee on ministerial delegates reported as follows:

NAME.	CHURCH	P. O.
D A Hopkins,	Corinth,	Twelve Mile
B H Flora,	New Highland,	Akron
W W Summers,	N Manchester,	N Manchester
Wm H Miller,	Brighton,	"
L O Hubbard,	Elkhart,	Elkhart
Daniel Cripe,	"	"
A S Menaugh,	Mt Union,	Goshen
A Bemenderfer,	Dunlap,	"
Jno M. Fox,	Mt Pleasant,	Cambria
L S Bauman,	Roann,	Roann
W C Perry,	N Manchester,	N Manchester
G W Rench,	Milford,	Milford
E Stoneburner,	Tea Garden,	Tyner City
W J H Bauman,	Roann,	Roann

Total ministers present, 14.

Ministers who were absent but sent in their credentials:

NAME.	CHURCH.	P. O.
R R Teeter,	N Manchester,	N Manchester
Jesse Calvert,	Warsaw,	Warsaw
L W Ditch,	Corinth,	Mc Cowan
J H Palmer,	Roanoke,	Roanoke
John Stuckman,	Gravelton,	Gravelton
C H Marks,	Dutchtown,	Warsaw
L A Hazlett,	Nappanee,	Nappanee
Peter Pontius,	New Highland,	Akron
Elias Leonard,	Elkhart,	Elkhart

Total absent, 9.

J. R. FRAME,  
DANIEL MILLER, } Com.  
DAN'L STEPHENS, }

Motion prevailed to instruct State Mission Board to pay 12½ per cent of all funds to National Mission Board. Committee on location reported Oakville as place to hold conference of 1899. Report adopted. Motion to adjourn prevailed.

THURSDAY 2 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Brother Flora. Minutes of previous session adopted. The mission board offered to conference plans for raising funds for the evangelist, which plans were discussed by conference. Telegram received from Illiokota conference as follows: Garrison, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1898. "Illiokota conference sends greeting." J. O. Talley. Motion prevailed that this conference send greetings in return to Illiokota conference at the expense of conference. Motion prevailed that we raise all the money we can today in pledges, one-fourth to be cash, one fourth to be paid each quarter thereafter until the full amount is paid and that the board send a man into the field to raise any other amount that may be necessary to support the state evangelist. Motion prevailed that the next annual con-

ference convene for business on the first Tuesday of October at 10 o'clock A. M. Motion prevailed to reconsider the motion to pay 12½ per cent of all funds collected for missions in the State to the general mission. Motion to pay 12½ per cent of State mission funds to general mission board was lost. The officers of Young People's Society and Sunday-school were retained for another year.

S. S. C. E. REPORT

A motion prevailed for the sisters to take up their work. After prayer a motion was made and carried that sister David Augustine act as president as both president and vice president were absent. A motion prevailed that the chair appoint a committee to gather up the credentials. Minutes of last year's conference read and approved. The reports from twenty societies were given and accepted. The committee on credentials reported seven delegates having credentials. Report of committee on credentials was accepted. A motion prevailed that we elect our officers for the coming year. A motion prevailed that we allow all sisters belonging to the S. S. C. E. to take part in the business of the session. A motion prevailed that we elect our officers by ballot and that we have not more than three nominations, and the one receiving the largest number of votes to serve as president and the next highest vice president. The officers elected are as follows: President, Sister Frame, South Bend; Vice President, Mrs. Guilford Leslie, Laporte; Secretary, Ida Simmons, Goshen; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Early, Nappanee.

The constitution was then read. A motion prevailed that we consider the constitution article by article. Motion presented and carried. Motion: Moved that our State president secure Ashland University endowment blanks and send to each of the local presidents urging them to present them to the members of their respective societies, that they fill out as many as possible and forward to John Keim, of Louisville, Ohio, treasurer of A. U. F. committee. Motion prevailed that we adjourn to meet in class room at 7 o'clock P. M. No minutes from the latter session.

Summary of report of president and secretary of Indiana S. S. C. E. for year ending Sept. 1, 1898: Societies in State, 23; societies reporting, 20; members belonging to reporting societies, 410; meetings held, 378; free will offering, \$89.13; dues, \$145.20; earnings, \$644.02; remittance to mission fund, \$78.86; theological chair, \$40.77; superannuated ministers' fund, \$2.90. Total receipts of reporting societies, \$1000.88. Societies not reporting, 3.

BESSIE W. PERRY, Pres.  
ELIZA EARLY, Sec.

Thursday evening Brother Hopkins preached and thus closed the conference of 1898.

W. W. SUMMERS, Vice Chair.  
WM. H. MILLER, Secretary.

#### Dedication and Revival

On the 9th day of October we dedicated the Ridgely Brethren Church. We had an all day meeting. Brother Barnum preached in the morning, Brother Riter of the Reformed church gave an address in the afternoon, after which I preached the dedicatory sermon; I also preached at night. Before preaching had a King's Children service led by our noble president of the S. S. C. E. The church cost \$1600. On account of the present expense of supporting a pastor they will carry some \$600 or \$700 debt for a short while. This is the neatest and prettiest church that I ever helped to build. It is built in the little town of Ridgely one of the thriftiest and most progressive towns on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Brother Barnum and I went down on the 26th of September and kept up the meeting until the 28th of October. For two weeks being in their tomato harvest many could not attend the meetings, and many who did could only come every other night. We struggled on for more than two weeks when the frost killed the tomatoes then we began to reap a spiritual harvest. The third week we had four additions and the last week eight. Eleven by baptism and one from the German Baptists. This is a strong Pedobaptist neighborhood composed mostly of Methodists. Most of the people belong to some church and our meeting was a benefit to the other people as well as to our church. Some threw away their tobacco and their snuff and consecrated themselves more fully to the Lord. The Bible is being read as it never was before.

While we believe the number of additions was a good work considering the field, I believe that was the smallest part of the work. I have not held a meeting for a long time where there was such a stir among all classes of people. Hence we expect after results. Brother Barnum will go down this week and take charge of the work.

The Philadelphia church unanimously voted for his ordination. Last Sunday he was ordained in the evening and his wife was baptised at the close of the service. Brother Barnum's father was a prominent Methodist minister and J. C. Barnum was converted when he was fourteen and has been preaching for twenty years. He has been in close touch with us for three years and communed with us before he united. He is somewhat Methodist in style but of a quiet humble disposition. We believe him to be one of the most thoroughly consecrated preachers that we have ever received. He has run a gospel wagon for two summers here in the city and was highly recommended by the pastors of the different churches. He spends much of his time in prayer and communion with God. The special doctrines is what brought him with us, but he hesitated for a long time for fear that we would fight the very doctrines that the ordinances symbolize. I told him while some obey the form and deny the power we needed men who had the power and would obey the form.

We now have an organized church support-